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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
ADOPT ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS FOR ITS EXISTING SEXUALITY HEALTH
EDUCATION PROGRAMS, MAKE THE SEXUALITY HEALTH EDUCATION
CURRICULA AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, ALLOW PARENTS TO REQUEST
THAT THEIR CHILDREN NOT RECEIVE SEXUALITY HEALTH EDUCATION,
AND ESTABLISH MINIMUM EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
FOR SEXUALITY HEALTH EDUCATION TEACHERS.

1 WHEREAS, under the Hawaii State Constitution, the State
2 shall provide for the establishment, support, and control of a
3 statewide system of public schools free from sectarian control,
4 a state university, public libraries, and such other
5 institutions as may be deemed desirable, including physical
6 facilities therefor; and
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8 WHEREAS, the mission of the Board of Education is to
9 promote excellence and equity in Hawaii's public schools and
10 enable all students to meet their own unique and varied
11 potentials; and
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13 WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Education is to
14 serve the community by developing the academic achievement,
15 character, and social-emotional well-being of students to the
16 fullest potential and to work with partners, families, and
17 communities to ensure that all students reach their aspirations
18 from early learning through college, career, and citizenship;
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21 WHEREAS, section 321-11.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
22 requires state-funded sexuality health education to be medically
23 accurate and age appropriate, and include education on
24 abstinence, contraception, and methods of disease and pregnancy
25 prevention; and
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27 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to utilize all
28 available information to determine how to ensure that the youth



1 of Hawaii have the skills and tools necessary to make healthy
2 and responsible decisions with regard to their sexual and
3 reproductive health, through programs in the public school
4 system or through other means; now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education
9 and Department of Education are requested to:

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11 (1) Adopt additional elements for existing sexuality
12 health education programs, including information that:

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14 (A) Helps students develop relationships and
15 communication skills to form healthy
16 relationships that are based on mutual respect
17 and affection and free from violence, coercion,
18 and intimidation;

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20 (B) Helps students develop skills in critical
21 thinking, problem solving, decision making, and
22 stress management to make healthy decisions about
23 sexuality and relationships; and
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25 (C) Encourages students to communicate with their
26 parents, guardians, and other trusted adults
27 about sexuality and intimate relations;
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29 (2) Make the sexuality health education curricula
30 available to the public;
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32 (3) Allow parents to request that their children not
33 receive sexuality health education; and
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35 (4) Establish minimum education and training requirements
36 for sexuality health education teachers; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
3 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, and Director of
4 Health.
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